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In the fifth year, you are to eat of its fruit, that its yield may increase for you;
I am the Lord your God. *Leviticus 19:25*

FROM THE FOUNDER'S DESK



Pastor Niyi Osomo

Founder, Mission Enablers International

It's quite humbling to see that this vision is five years old.

When we started MEA, it was born out of a burden God placed on our heart when we went on a mission trip somewhere in the northern part of Nigeria. During the time, I was a Missions Pastor at The Elevation Church and we saw the amount of work that needed to be done in accomplishing the great commission, we saw that the people who frontier the work - the missionaries - needed so much support to help them do the work effectively.

So I went to God and asked, what can we do about this to ensure that there is an acceleration in the fulfillment of the great commission task. I remember I was to lead a 30-minute prayer that ended up lasting for over five hours.

And in the place of prayer and consultation, we started to find out how we could support the missionaries' operations and ensure that they are in the field without being distracted and they can focus on accelerating the completion of the Great Commission task and there I received an instruction to 'enable missionaries for kingdom advancement.'

This birthed 'For God and His Kingdom' now 'Mission Enablers International'.

Over the past five years, the vision has evolved beautifully but the focus still remains - enabling missions and missionaries.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

WORDS FROM A FOUNDING MEMBER



Chinedu 'Mazi' Onah



MEA was birthed immediately after our church's (The Elevation Church) mission trip to Niger state in 2018 and I was privileged to be part of the founding team.

I've been able to witness God's grace and speed on the organization in terms of reach, impact, partnerships, mobilization and the evolution of the organization even beyond our projected reach.

Souls have been won, missionaries have really been enabled, saints have been edified and many life enabling projects have been executed too.

I've been part of the team to many missions fields both within and outside Nigeria, and have witnessed tremendous relationships birthed through people and places that we've met and been to respectively.

Most importantly is that I've been able to learn enabling clues for ministry and outreach, as a result of my active involvement in the organization in the first four years, and my close relationship with our amiable founder, Pst. 'Niyi Osomo even before the organization was founded.

MEA clocking five years with evident exploits is one of my spur moments, having known how we started, and I'm sure that despite the impactful testimonies this far through the mercy of God, we are still scratching the runway of the whole vision...the sky is actually awaiting our soaring.

I am Chinedu Onah, and I'm super proud of where MEA is right now.

Best regards!



THE BENEFICIARIES SPEAK

EVANG. DR. UKPO DANIEL UKPO DANIEL MINISTRIES

Mission Enablers International has blessed us in the mission field in Nasarawa state among the unreached areas. From the day our paths crossed, it has been from glory to glory.

Some many battles that would have limited us in spreading the gospel in the north were conquered at the intervention of Mission Enablers.

MEA encourages us when they send missionaries for one week to strengthen and preach alongside some of our ministers. This has made the spreading of the gospel become easy for us. So many souls were won whenever they came and their coming always gives us the strength to keep moving. When we feel like giving up on the mission field, their coming fires us up.

Sometimes our missionaries have challenges in traveling to other mission fields but to the glory of God, MEA bought mission motorcycles for some of our missionaries. Mobility was provided to ease our journey.

FOOD ITEMS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

During the Christmas holidays, we were encouraged as well by Mission Enablers with food items for missionary's families. That sends another dose of hope and makes us feel loved.

HAUSA AND ENGLISH BIBLES FOR NEW CONVERTS

Mission enablers as well send us Bibles to help the new converts grow. These have raised and still rising Giants in the mission field.

Thank you, Mission Enablers International, for the love. Your heart toward the gospel in the villages has encouraged us as missionaries to keep the fire burning.

Thank you, Pastor Niya and the team for yielding to God.

Evang. Ukpo Daniel
Ukpo Daniel Ministries

THE BENEFICIARIES SPEAK

While we the entire members of SALAM GREAT COMMISSION (SGC) wish MEA a glorious 5th year anniversary, I'd love to share, on behalf of SGC, some remarkable testimonies, to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission Enablers Africa's (MEA) sponsorship has helped in reaching the unreached millions of Hausa speaking Muslim background populace across the northern Nigeria where Muslims are predominant.

Hitherto, our heaviest burden is to reach the Hausa speaking Muslims that have never in their lives ever heard the Gospel of Christ in Hausa. Many liberal Muslims have been mounting pressure on our Hausa-Fulani Christian Evangelists begging us to create a platform for them to hear the Gospel of Christ in Hausa because of the “iron curtains” that they have deliberately drawn with the sole aim of resisting the entrance of the Gospel of Christ into the Hausa speaking Muslim background regions, which could only be accessed via the radio which forms part of their culture.

As God would have it, we committed the burden to God in prayers to reach the Muslims with the Gospel. At the fullness of time, God crossed our paths with MEA, where they began with granting two (2) of our ministers' monthly allowance unceasingly for a considerable period of time.

As we intensified our prayers for God to make a way to grant us sponsorship to reach the unreached Hausa speaking Muslims with the Gospel of Christ in Hausa via Radio. Surprisingly, one day, we were approached by the same MEA

who has been giving us monthly allowance for some couple of years, requesting that we should write to them as a need, what we felt should be provided to enable us break the “iron curtain” areas with the Gospel of Christ. We suggested sponsorship for the Hausa-Radio Programme.



Shortly after writing to MEA the need for the Radio Programme in Hausa. The request was granted within a few weeks. Today, we have our Radio Programmes in Hausa in two states in Northern Nigeria, sponsored by the same MEA, reaching millions with the unadulterated Gospel of Christ in Hausa.

On the average we receive 100 to 120 calls weekly as a response from our Muslim Radio Programme audience. So far, thousands have confessed the salvation prayer and hundreds were disciplined to the glory of our Lord.

There came a particular day after listening to our Hausa Gospel Programme on the radio, some Muslim listeners demanded to meet us, when we

met them in a hidden place. They asked some questions about the Person of Jesus Christ our Saviour, which we were able to answer by the help of the Holy Spirit. There and then, we led them to Christ. Even after this experience, we have been leading many to Christ in that manner by the power of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of SGC members, we are saying a very big Happy 5th anniversary to the Mission Enablers' Africa (MEA).

We earnestly pray that God will continue to open more doors of financial blessings for MEA to enable them to undertake more mission works/projects across Africa and the world at large. You will never lack resources to keep running your God given vision and mandate in Jesus mighty name.

Malam Nuhu Ibrahim Almasih
*General Superintending Minister,
Salam Great Commission*



PEOPLE GROUP MEA WORKS AMONG



Through our partner agencies, we have been able to gain access among the following people groups.

	Name of Peoples Groups	Location
Capro	Malinké, Senoufo, Peuls, Bwa, Bambara.	Mali
United Missionary Church of Africa	Shagunnu, Laru UPG	Borgu LGA, Niger State.
Capro	Kamuku	Niger State
Capro, MAFA	Dukkawa	Kebbi State
	Dakarkari (LENA)	Niger
Global Glorious Missions Int'l.	Birnin Amina	Niger State. Kambari PG.

	Name of Peoples Groups	Location
Global Glorious Missions Int'l.	Gbagyi PG	Kaduna State
CMF	Kamberi	Niger State
PLEROMA	Kupa Field	Lokoja
	Bassa Field, Gana Gana	Kogi State
Salam Great Commission Int'l Outreach	Hausa, Fulani	Jos
Soul Reapers Ministry	Igala	Kogi
Living Waters Christian Foundation	Jibawa	Taraba State
Christ To The Unreached Ministries	Kakanda PG	Kogi State
Christ Image Assembly	Igarra field	Edo State
Grace Foundation Inland Mission	Aiona	Benue State
	Zullawwa, Bolewa	Bauchi State
	Gobirawa	Niger Republic
Serving In Mission (SIM)	Maza Tsaye	Niger Republic
Watchmen Prophetic Mission Int	Losso, Kabiye, Logba, Ife, Yaka	Togo

How the Changes in the World Show the Need for the Great Commission

In a world falling apart, in a society where crime dominates, when sicknesses consistently afflict people, it is obvious that the enemy is raging.

Such is the world we have today, with many happenings that only confirm the prophecy of the son of God in his days on earth. He prophesied of the many happenings that will characterize the beginning of the end...

Matt.24.5 - 8:- *"For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."*

If these signs are only a pointer to the beginning of the end, then we are already at the beginning of the end - where the signs are vivid.

And if we are now at the beginning of the end, then we as Christians are faced with more urgency to preach the message of the gospel to every single person yet unreached with this message.

Man's greatest adversary - the devil - knows that the coming of our Lord Jesus is nearer than it was ever before now and is consistently building blocks of resistance in the hearts of men and tearing the world apart to cause injury to the souls of men.

The product of these many happenings today is a people who now doubt the possibility of God's love and presence with them here on earth as what they see of the world seems to negate who they believe God is.

Like never before, we are at that point where we should be challenged as Christians to carry this gospel to every single man and woman who has not heard it.

We must all become missionaries to our localities and missionaries to the different mountains of influence that Jesus will give unto us.

Like never before, we are at a time where the world systems need the contribution of Christians. Jesus is the only one who can bring peace to the chaos that has already been created in the world today.

The Apostle John said *"And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour." **1John.2.18 - 18**

From Fellowship to Partnership:

The Role of the Great Commission in this Change

A major desire of God for his children is that we do not remain as babes but that we mature enough to be able to take up the responsibilities of the kingdom.

He has drawn us to himself and showered his love lavishly without reservation. He also desires that we would love so much and give ourselves to fulfilling His singular desire, the desire to see the world at large saved.

1 Tim. 2: 3 - 4:- *“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

The sacrifice of Jesus opened the way for as many as would come to become choice sons and daughters of God, he put in us the spirit of the father that cries in us Abba, the cry of fellowship, the cry of intimacy, the cry of desire for the one who saved us.

Eph. 2:12 - 13 says *“...that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*

As the desires of his children are met with daily loads of blessings from the Lord, the Father does

not just want that we only remain at the receiving end but that we also become conduits of these blessings to the world around us. The greatest of these blessings is the blessing of salvation.



And so, as the Father has called us into fellowship he also extends an invitation to every Christian for partnership with His one business - The business of saving souls.

Taking on the assignment of the great commission is our primary way of partnering with God, it is the way we become responsible children who do not just receive, but are also distributors. This partnership also then flows into our relationship with other Christians, we become brothers and sisters who first fellowship together and now are partners on the assignment of our father

Paul many times in his letters writes of other believers who are partners with him in the work of

the Gospel. Some of them traveled with him on his missionary voyage and strengthened his heart even when faced with challenges.

As we enter into the last days and the coming of Jesus draws nearer by the day, there is an even more urgent call that we all grow into partnership. That we all become sons who are taking responsibility for carrying the message of the great commission to the world.

That Jesus can come back to meet a barn-breaking harvest of souls. Doing the great commission is how we partner with God.

David Abraham
MEA Volunteer





EXPANDING THE GREAT COMMISSION AS A MILLENNIAL

- By Wale Oladipupo

In today's fast-paced and ever-changing world, being a young Christian can present unique challenges and opportunities. As a Millennial Christian, the desire to expand God's kingdom on earth becomes a driving force, leading to a transformative impact, even in the workplace.

For many young Christians, the concept of missions may conjure up images of traveling to distant lands, evangelizing in remote villages, or engaging in humanitarian work abroad. However, the mission field extends beyond geographical boundaries and into the everyday lives of people we encounter, including the workplace.

As a millennial and being a young Christian while working, the primary focus is not only on fulfilling job responsibilities but also on embodying the teachings of Christ. This means demonstrating love, integrity, and humility in all interactions, and using every opportunity to share the message of

the Gospel through both words and actions.

One key aspect of expanding God's kingdom here on earth is to be an example of excellence in one's work. As the apostle Paul wrote in Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." By striving for excellence, young missionaries demonstrate their dedication to God and set themselves apart in the workplace.

Furthermore, a Millennial Christian should seek to build meaningful relationships with colleagues and clients. These relationships provide opportunities to share the love of Christ, offer encouragement, and be a source of support in times of need. It is through genuine connections that the seeds of faith can be planted and nurtured, allowing God's kingdom to flourish.

Another vital aspect of expanding God's kingdom as a young missionary in the workspace is being a light in the midst of darkness. In a world where ethical compromises and moral relativism are prevalent, the Christian missionary is called to uphold biblical values and stand firm in their faith. By living out these principles, they become a source of hope, inspiration, and a catalyst for positive change.

However, expanding God's kingdom does not solely rely on personal efforts. It also involves prayer and dependence on God's guidance and power. Millennial Christian missionaries understand the importance of seeking God's wisdom and discernment in navigating the challenges and complexities of the workplace. Through prayer, they invite God to work through them, opening doors and paving the way for transformative encounters.

As a Millennial, you find yourself living in a world that is constantly changing and evolving. With new technologies, ideas, and cultural shifts, it can sometimes feel challenging to navigate your place in expanding God's kingdom on earth. However, being a Millennial offers unique opportunities and advantages that can be harnessed to make a significant impact in today's society.

Embracing Innovation

As a Millennial, you are often at the forefront of technological advancements and cultural trends. This positions you to effectively engage with your peers and the wider community in meaningful ways. Utilize social media platforms, digital content creation, and other innovative tools to spread the message of the Gospel and inspire others to live out their faith.

Advocacy and Justice

Millennials are often passionate about social justice issues, advocating for the marginalized and oppressed. As a young Christian, you can channel this passion towards expanding God's kingdom on earth. Engage in efforts that fight against injustice, inequality, and discrimination. Show compassion, love, and empathy to those who are in need, reflecting the heart of God and His desire for justice.

Collaboration and Community



Millennials are naturally inclined towards collaboration and community-building. Use this inclination to foster unity among fellow believers and work together to expand God's kingdom. Seek out like-minded individuals and join or create initiatives that align with your vision and purpose. By collaborating with others, you can pool your talents, skills, and resources to make a more significant impact.

Embracing Diversity

Our world is becoming increasingly diverse, and Millennials tend to value inclusivity and diversity. As a young Christian, embrace this mindset by actively seeking opportunities to engage with people from various backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs. By building bridges and fostering understanding, you can create spaces where the love of Christ can be experienced and God's kingdom can be expanded.

Discipleship and Mentoring

As a Millennial, you have the potential to influence and mentor younger generations. Embrace the call to discipleship by investing in the lives of others, helping them grow in their faith and equipping them to become future leaders in expanding God's kingdom. Be intentional about pouring into the lives of those who are younger, sharing your wisdom and experiences.

Remember, expanding God's kingdom on earth as a Millennial is not limited to a specific role or platform. It is a holistic approach that encompasses every aspect of your life, including your relationships, work, and passions. By embracing innovation, authenticity, justice, collaboration, diversity, and discipleship, you can make a significant and lasting impact in expanding God's kingdom as a Millennial.

Being a young Christian offers a unique opportunity to expand God's kingdom on earth. By exemplifying excellence, building relationships, being a light, and seeking God's guidance, Millennial Christians can make a profound impact on those around them. As they integrate their faith into their professional lives, they become instruments of God's love, grace, and salvation, contributing to the transformation of individuals and ultimately expanding God's kingdom on earth.

Wale Oladipupo

Head, People & Systems, MEA



THE GREAT COMMISSION

What Role The Church Has To Play - A Call To Action



We often think of the Great Commission as a calling for the individual Christian, but in reality it is a mandate for the collective church.

Christ's Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20 is most often coupled with an appeal for individual Christians to consider their calling to go into the world as missionaries. The calling is for the whole church of Christ.

CHRIST'S COMMAND WAS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH

According to verse 16, it was the eleven disciples who were the original hearers of the command. The apostles were more than individuals seeking to privately obey Christ's teachings. These men stood as founders and leaders of the Church that would be established and multiplied through their testimony and the power of the Holy Spirit. It was understood that every member of the church would be taught to obey everything that the Lord commanded, including the command to make disciples of all nations.

CHRIST'S COMMAND WAS GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

It's a common joke that "Missions Sundays" are reserved for weeks when service attendance is at a low. The assumption, it seems, is that messages about the nations are particularly for a subset of the congregation: men and women who are already predisposed to thinking about or interacting with internationals. This would make sense if (a) an affinity for peoples and cultures was the primary motivation for reaching the nations with the gospel; and (b) the only means of obedience to Christ's command was to actually leave home and live elsewhere for the sake of the gospel.

However, neither is true. The ultimate motivation for proclaiming the gospel and making disciples is not rooted in sociology. It is Christ's immeasurable worth and glory that compels us to spread the message of the

gospel. When anything about our marvelous God stirs our affections toward worship and obedience, a natural overflow ought to be a desire to see others who don't know him yet stirred to worship.

Furthermore, the application of the Great Commission is not solely to go, but to pray to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers (Luke 10:2), to send them out as the church of Antioch did with Barnabas and Saul (Acts 13:2-3), and to support missionaries as "fellow workers in the truth" (3 John 8). It is a corporate endeavor that involves every member of Christ's body. Thus, our goal is not to persuade everyone to become a missionary, but to help everyone in our congregations think and act with a global evangelization mindset.



CHRIST'S COMMAND WAS GIVEN TO ALL CHURCHES

The mission to go and make disciples of all nations was given to churches in every nation. The gospel continues to spread around the world, and as churches have multiplied and matured, they, too, have engaged in sending and supporting missionaries. The reality is that churches all around the world are deeply engaged in international missions to some extent.

CHRIST'S COMMAND WAS TO MAKE DISCIPLES, WHO WOULD BECOME CHURCHES.

The goal of missions is not to evangelize all peoples, but to make disciples who observe all that Christ commanded. The former can be accomplished rapidly through individuals, whereas the latter takes time and requires community. Therefore, fulfilling the Great Commission necessitates church planting.

Any effort in missions ought to be connected to the goal of reproducing local bodies of believers through the declaration and demonstration of the gospel. Help ministries are good and healthy but they will remain stunted if stone hearts are not made flesh through the power of the Spirit of God by the Word of God. Conversely, proclamation ministry is necessary but intangible without the outworking of the Word in service to the felt needs of the community. The goal then is to see communities of disciples raised up who both

proclaim the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ and display the fruit of the Spirit through their love for their neighbor.

If it is the role of every local church to obey the Great Commission for the sake of birthing new local churches locally and globally, where do we begin? I would suggest we start at the same point as Christ's disciples. As church leaders, we must consider the Lord's commands and we must seek the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit as we step out in faith. No matter our church's size, age, resources, or challenges, we are not powerless, poor, or alone. Christ's promise is for us today. He rules all things, earthly and heavenly, and he is with us to the end of the age. He will complete his mission.

Pastor Niyi Osomo

Founder, Mission Enablers International





UNCONVENTIONAL VOLUNTEERING

How Volunteering for the Great Commission has Impacted my Life

By Olayide Babayemi

The Great Commission is indeed ‘great’, and it’s remarkable that the LORD would give us ‘work’ to do towards His grand plans. It’s also humbling to know that God considers us, and it is comforting to know that the Holy Spirit empowers us to do the LORD’s will.

As a volunteer at MEA, my position is to share to and update the masses about the work we’re doing via social media. One might think, “How does this fulfill the Great Commission?” Well, thankfully, Jesus never gave specifics on how to share the Gospel, except that we should. By volunteering, I’ve been exposed to the world of missionary work, and by the grace of God, with the team, we’ve been able to share the Gospel.

At the core of my volunteering endeavours, the Gospel has impacted my life. Because of the

Gospel, I can volunteer, and because of the Gospel, I’m eager for more people to know Christ. Because of the Gospel, I seek the LORD’s input on how best to use my gifts and time for His good plans.

It’s by obeying His instruction to apply to volunteer at MEA that I’ve made connections and developed Christ-centered friendships with people I’m yet to meet. That’s the power of the Gospel—it brings people together from the ends of the world so that we’ll all enjoy the saving grace of our LORD Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is life-changing; it makes all the difference.

Olayide Babayemi

MEA Social Media Volunteer

MISSION FACTS AND STATISTICS

YOU SHOULD KNOW

1 What is Mission?

Mission is not in the Bible as a word.

Mission is borne out of God's character of love His heart to reconcile the world to himself through the life, crucifixion, resurrection and atoning sacrifice of Christ. John 3:16, 1John 1:5; 4:16, Rom 3:23, Matt 9:34-38.

God wants all nation to praise and worship him. He has called us to respond in obedience to His call to join Him on this mission to make disciples of all nations – 2 cor 5:19, Matt 28:19, Mt 4:18-19, Matt 16:24).

- The Bible does not use the phrase "missions" but God is certainly missions-minded Luke 19:10 and his love extends to all the world. John 3:16,
- Matt 28:19-20 (Mission Has its foundation in Jesus' command to His disciples to go into All the world and "*make disciples of ALL nations*").

Mission comes from a (Latin word) that means "*to send*". It was first used by Jesuit missionaries that sent their members overseas to establish schools and Churches (In Greek = Apostello) = "*Being sent*" (sending).

Mission is any activity (Evangelism and social services) directed at announcing, teaching or

communicating the Good news of the gospel to the unsaved everywhere, regardless of class, color, location, culture or any other consideration with the hope that they might come to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. Mark 16:15. Luke 24:47.





2 The Biblical and Theological Basis for Mission?

Genesis 1:26 - 28 -NIV

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground." **27** So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. **28** God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

1 Kings 8:41 - 43 -NIV

41 "As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name— **42** for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when they come and pray toward this temple, **43** then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

Psalms 67 -NIV

- 1** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—[b]
- 2** so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
- 3** May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
- 4** May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.
- 5** May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
- 6** The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.
- 7** May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Psalms 96 -NIV

- 1** Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2** Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- 3** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

- 4** For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5** For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- 6** Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- 7** Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 8** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
- 9** Worship the Lord in the splendor of his[a]
holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- 10** Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be
moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- 11** Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- 12** Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in
them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- 13** Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he
comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Malachi 1:11 -NIV

11 My name will be great among the nations, from
where the sun rises to where it sets. In every
place incense and pure offerings will be brought
to me, because my name will be great among the
nations," says the Lord Almighty.

Isaiah 49:6 -NIV

6 he says:
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the
earth."

Matthew 28: 17 - 20 -NIV

17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but
some doubted. **18** Then Jesus came to them and
said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has
been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I
have commanded you. And surely I am with you
always, to the very end of the age.

Mark 16: 15 - 18 -NIV

15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and
preach the gospel to all creation. **16** Whoever
believes and is baptized will be saved, but
whoever does not believe will be condemned. **17**
And these signs will accompany those who
believe: In my name they will drive out demons;
they will speak in new tongues; **18** they will pick up
snakes with their hands; and when they drink
deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will
place their hands on sick people, and they will get
well."

Luke 22: 44 - 49 -NIV

44 And being in anguish, he prayed more
earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood
falling to the ground.[c]

45 When he rose from prayer and went back to
the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted
from sorrow. **46** "Why are you sleeping?" he
asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not
fall into temptation."

47 While he was still speaking a crowd came up,
and the man who was called Judas, one of the
Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus
to kiss him, **48** but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are
you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 When Jesus' followers saw what was going to
happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with
our swords?"

John 20: 21 -NIV

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the
Father has sent me, I am sending you."



Acts 1: 8 -NIV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 13: 47 -NIV

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “I have made you[f] a light for the Gentiles, that you[g] may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”[h]”

Revelations 7: 9 -NIV

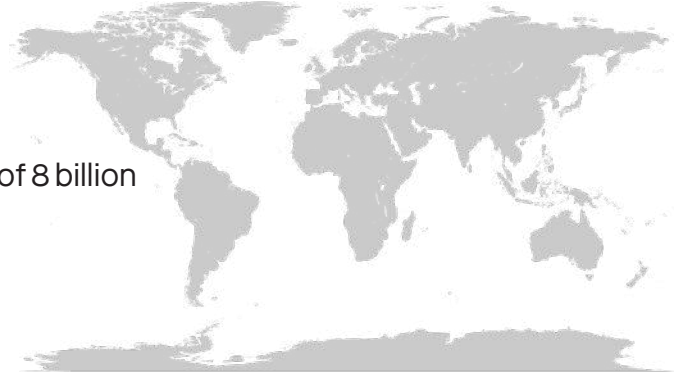
After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

MISSION FACTS AND STATISTICS YOU SHOULD KNOW

3 The state of the harvest globally

Population Increase

- **1.6 Billion in 1900**
- Current world population of 8 billion
- 8.6 billion in 2030
- 9.8 billion in 2050
- 11.2 billion in 2100



Centers of Population Increase

- India will surpass China in 2024.
- Nigeria will pass US in 2050 as the 3rd Largest Country
- Half of Population Growth Coming From 9 Countries: India, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pakistan, Ethiopia, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uganda and Indonesia.
- Africa will be the epicenter of population growth in the latter half of the 21st Century as China and India have been in the late 20th and early 21st Century.

People Group Stats ¹				
Religions	Total People Groups	Number of People	Unreached People Groups	Number of People in Unreached
Christian	7,175	2.416 Billion	0	0
Muslim	3,766	1.859 Billion	3,226	1.592 Billion
Hindu	2,725	1.177 Billion	2,510	1.084 Billion
Ethno-Religious	2,563	736 Million	977	280 Million
Buddhist	689	503 Million	540	394 Million
Non-Religious	262	997 Million	17	64 Million
Other Religions	189	68 Million	152	54 Million
Totals	17,459	7.758 Billion	7,422	3.468 Billion



MISSION EFFORTS

World A
29%

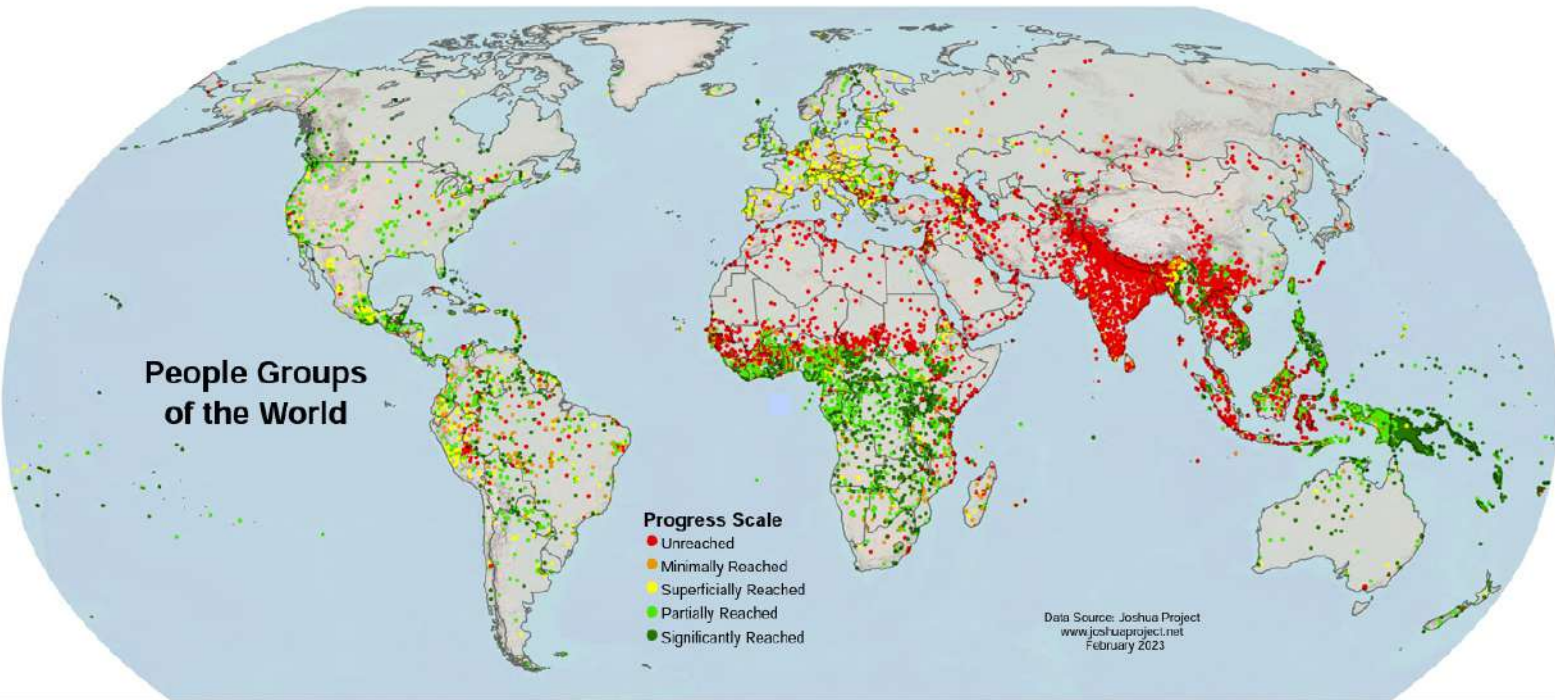
No Access to the Gospel

World B
38%

Access to the Gospel, but Rejection of it.

World C
33%

Christians: Mainstream, Evangelical, or Nominal.



THE DIFFERENT GOSPEL CATEGORIZATION OF PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

There are over **16,000 people groups** in the 196 countries of the world.

THE REACHED

A group of people like an ethnic group that enough Christians, gospel message, churches and Bibles to reach the entire group without need of external support.

PEOPLE GROUP

16,000 People Groups - An ethnolinguistic group of people categorized by differences in their language or culture that mean the Gospel must be contextualized to them in order for it to take root and for them to become reached.

REACHED

The church is established and multiplying at a rate that will overcome societal boundaries. Generally over 2-5% Christian.

UNREACHED

7,000 People Groups - Less than 2% Christian. The church is not established and multiplying at a rate that will overcome societal boundaries for Gospel Movement.

UNENGAGED

3,000 People Groups - There is no multiplying church efforts. Therefore the need for cross-cultural missionaries to enter the culture to start Gospel movement is necessary for that people group to hear and respond to the Gospel.

10/40 WINDOW

10° to 40° degrees North in the Eastern Hemisphere. Most unreached and unengaged groups are located here.



MISSIONS TRENDS

1 in 2 missionaries who head to the field come home within the first 3 years.

Western workers increasingly think of missions from a mid-term rather than long-term mindset.

1 million evangelical Christians from America working abroad.

Restriction of visas is leading to the need for creative ways to access and stay in countries.

The primary areas of the growth of Christianity are in the "Global South"

The "Global South" - Centers of Christianity have moved from Jerusalem, to Alexandria, to Constantinople, to Rome, to Europe, to the US, and are now being found in Africa, South Korea, and South America. Projected to be China & India over the coming century.

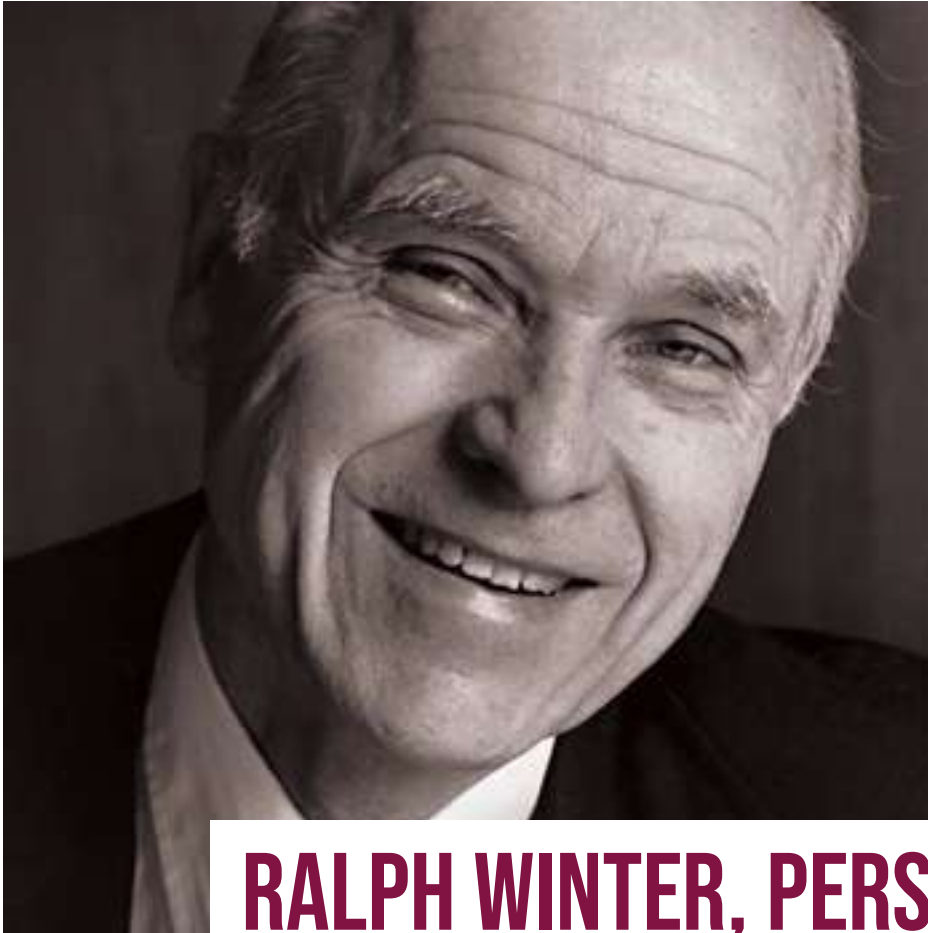
Non-western believers are the primary missionary force today.

South Korea, South American, Nigerians and Sub-Saharan are growing in their sending.









66% of the world's population will live in cities in 2050, compared to 58% in 2025.

"Traditionally, most mission work was done in rural areas. In the past, that made sense because most people lived in rural communities. But the biggest challenge is now in cities, and there we find a shortage of workers."

MISSIONS TRENDS



RALPH WINTER, PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Year	% Christians in Europe and North America	% Christians in Latin America, Africa and Asia
1800	99% 	1% 
1900	90% 	10% 
1979	50% 	50% 
2018	23% 	77% 

81% of all Hindu, Muslims and Buddhists do not know a Christian.
 Nearly 2 billion individuals who have never had a chance to hear the gospel.



5 WHERE DO WE DO MISSIONS?

We do Missions among the unreached areas; where there is little or no gospel present, unreached areas; (less than 20% of their populations as practicing Christians) they are also called **unevangelized people, virgin lands, neglected areas.**

Acts 1:8 – From Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.
(I) Going – (Trans-location).
(II) Cross – Cultural
(III) Target unreached people group.



4 THE RATIONALE FOR MISSION (WHY MISSIONS)

A Because the Lord commanded it
(Matt 28:19-20; Act 1:8; Mark 16:15)

B God is a Missionary God and Missions is His heart-beat (Gen. 3:9)

C The Lord set the example
(Matthew 9:35; Luke 4:42-44; John 20-21)

D It is the only thing that will hasten the Lord's return (Matt 24:14)

E The only way church reproduces itself

6 WHAT DOES MISSION INVOLVE?



Preaching, soul winning, discipleship, church planting, social intervention, Culture shaping, language learning, demonstrating the love of God etc.



7 THE DIFFERENT MISSION STRATEGIES



- DMM – Discipleship making movement
- CPM – Church Planting Movement
- Tent Making Ministry – Business as mission
- Social Impact – Trafficking, Pornography, illiteracy, prostitution, engaging the poor and correcting inequalities.
- Education
- DBVS



8 CHALLENGES OF COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL CROSS CULTURALLY

Culture Challenges, Terrain Challenges, Language barriers, Government Challenges, Religious Nationalism, Persecution and hostilities, Other religion, scope.



WHAT MAKES MISSION POSSIBLE

18--All authority has been given to Christ

V. 20--Christ will be with his disciples always

This reminds us that God's presence and power fuel the command to make disciples of all nations.

9 HOW TO IDENTIFY AND FULFILL YOUR ROLE IN THE GREAT COMMISSION

SENDER – CHURCHES, PARTNERS, AGENCIES ETC



Goer – Missionaries and Frontline Christian workers

Groaners – Intercessors, Prayer Warrior, Gate keepers.

Be Missional - Missional living means you embrace a missionary lifestyle. It includes embracing the posture, thinking, behavior, and practices of a missionary in order to reach others with the message of the gospel. A missional church understand that it is sent into the world and not expect people to come to them. A missional church vs an attractional church.

Give to Mission organizations.

Ask the Lord if He would have you become a full time Missionary.

Take a short term mission trip to an unreached area.

Be a Bible translator, if you have language skills.



GET INVOLVED

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